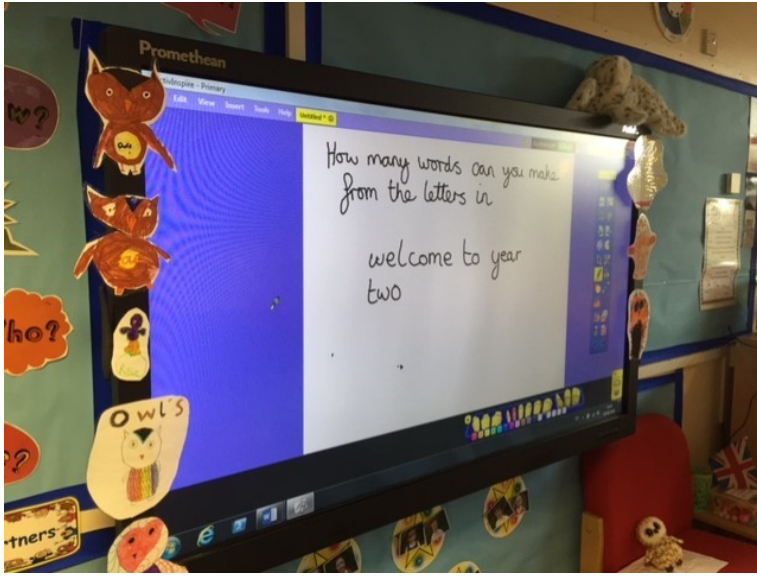




Autumn 2016



THANK YOU CHIPS!

All of our classrooms now have brand new interactive whiteboards thanks to the fundraising efforts of CHIPS - and we are all thrilled! If you would like to be involved in our fundraising efforts this year please come along to our AGM on Friday 23rd September at 9am in the school hall.

There will be cake!



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to the new children and families joining us in Year R and to those children new to years 1 and 2. I have been so impressed with the way the children have settled back into school - and I've really enjoyed hearing about what they have been up to in the holidays. It seems like the sunshine has really helped everyone to get the most out of the six week break. The children all seem raring to go and ready to learn which is great to see. We have several parent workshops lined up for you this term so we hope some of you will be joining us in our learning journey!

Jacky Halton

Walking the 'mile'

Some of you may have heard from your children that they are having a walk every morning before they begin their learning. Initially we are walking less than a mile but this may increase as the year goes on. Year R children will join us after Christmas. Research shows that a brisk walk like this is very beneficial to children, not just for their health, but for their learning too. The children certainly love it and it's a great time to catch up and chat. Children do not get changed for this and just need comfortable shoes and appropriate outer wear. On days when it is pouring with rain we will do our exercise in the classroom instead as we don't want them to spend the day in wet clothes.

An invitation to new parents

We are really looking forward to getting to know our new R children as they settle into school this week. I always enjoy spending time with them and learning all their new names. I have also enjoyed getting to know our new parents. However, if you would like the opportunity to meet with me individually to discuss any particular issue concerning your child please come to the office to make an appointment and I will be happy to see you.

The Crofton Cabin



Our Cabin is now up and running and we are planning the official opening on Monday 3rd October at 2pm. Details to follow. The money to build the cabin was provided by a Covenant Grant from the Ministry of Defence which aims to promote work with service and non service families and to build links between the two. Consequently we plan to run a range of parent support classes in the Cabin which will be run by Lisa Dalglish, our Family Liaison Officer and which will be available to all of our parents. Please keep an eye out for details of these.

We are also going to run an informal parent drop in session in the Cabin on Tuesday mornings from 8.50am to 10am. During this time Lisa Dalglish and Di Bosustow, our ELSA, will be available to talk to any parent who has a concern, however small, about their child's emotional or behavioural needs. The first of these sessions will be on Tuesday 20th September.

Our first KIT coffee morning will be either in the Cabin or in the hall, depending on numbers, and this will be on Tuesday 4th October at 9am. Our KIT (Keeping in Touch) sessions are open to ALL parents who have a partner working away from home at any time - either for long periods or during the week. The group is run by Di Bosutsow, Julie Syms and Lisa Dalglish and aims to provide ideas and advice for when a parent is away or is returning home after time away. It also aims to provide a chance to chat with others in the same situation. Younger children are welcome and toys are provided.

Calling all bookworms.....

We have decided to open the school library after school on a Wednesday from 3.20pm to 4.30pm for any child who would like to change their school library book, or read or browse through books that are in the library.

A member of staff will be in the library to support with this. We are also continuing to run our Parent Book Share library shelf in the school entrance hall. You are free to take a book and return it once you have read it or replace it with an alternative. Happy Reading!!

A Reminder of Important Site Rules - Please...

- ◆ **No riding of bikes or scooters in the playground or on access paths**
- ◆ **No dogs on site. Please tether dogs outside of the front or back gates well away from passers by. They must be well behaved to be left unattended. Our site is a no smoking site**
- ◆ **Playground equipment is out of bounds to ALL children before and after school**
- ◆ **Be responsible for your child's behaviour on the playground before and after school**
- ◆ **Do not use the car park for parking or dropping off children. The car park is for staff only and driving in at the start or the end of the day puts pedestrians at risk. Please don't forget that you can park at the Crofton Pub - just ask at the school office for a permit.**